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1. CHARGE'S LETTER (TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTEL B) DID NOT APPEAR AS PROMISED IN SEPTEMBER 18 GHANAIAAN TIMES. WHEN IT ALSO DID NOT APPEAR IN THE SEPTEMBER 20 ISSUE (PAPER DOES NOT PUBLISHE ON SUNDAYS), PAO CALLED EDITOR WHO EXPLAINED HE WAS WRITING A RESPONSE TO RUN WITH THE LETTER AND FELT THE EMBASSY SHOULD RECEIVE IT BEFORE IT APPEARED PUBLICLY. AN HOUR OR SO LATER, THE RESPONSE WAS DULY DELIVERED AND, AS EXPECTED, IT WAS OF THE SAME INTEMPERATE AND IRRATIONAL STRIPE AS THE ORIGINAL EDITORIAL (REPORTED REFTEL A). BOTH STATEMENTS WERE THEN REPRODUCED IN FULL (WITH CHARGE'S LETTER AT TOP OF PAGE UNDER BANNER HEADLINE "EDITORIAL IS NO CREDIT TO "TIMES" - ENVOY" AND RESPONSE BELOW) IN SEPTEMBER 21 ISSUE OF "TIMES".

2. REPRESENTATIVES EXPCERPTS OF EDITOR'S RESPONSE FOLLOW:

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3. QUOTE IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN, THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR PROTEST, AS

CONTAINED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF YOUR LETTER, IS THAT DR. KISSINGER CANNOT BE A 'QUISLING' OR A GERMAN JEW SINCE HE IS 'AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE.' I FIND IT HARD TO SEE THE LOGIC IN THE WEIRD SUGGESTION THAT BEING AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE NECESSARILY MAKES A SAINT OF ANY SINNER. THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES IS REplete WITH AMERICAN SECRETARIES OF STATE AND EVEN PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE PROVED TO BE GUILTY OF HIDEOUS CRIMES INCLUDING THE MURDER OF ASSASSINATION OF AN PLOTS AGAINST THE HEADS OF OTHER STATES. HAS KISSINGER HIMSELF NOT CONFESSED TO SANCTIONING CIA OPERATIONS IN CHILE? AND WAS NIXON NOT PROVED TO HAVE SANCTIONED THE WATERGATE BURGLARY?

4. QUOTE THE GHANAIAI TIMES HAS CONSISTENTLY CRITICIZED NOT MERELY "THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA" BELIVEING IT TO BE A TRAP FOR BLACK AFRICA, AND THEREFORE, INIMICAL TO THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. WE HAVE ALSO CONSISTENTLY ARGUED THAT THE PROMISE OF FINANCIAL AID TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES OF AMERICAN CHOICE AIMS AT ENDANGERING THE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY AMONG AFRICAN STATES.

5. QUOTE TWO MAJOR FACTORS WHICH YOU MAY HAVE CONVENIENTLY OR INADVETENTLY OVERLOOKED ARE: 1. VORSTER'S CONFESSION THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM WASHINGTON TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN ANGOLA AGAINST MPLA. THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DENIED OR CHALLENGED BY WASHINGTON. 2. WHY HAS AMERICAN DOGGEDLY BLOCKED ANGOLA'S ENTRY INTO THE UNITED NATIONS BUT TURNS ROUND TO PROFFER HELP FOR THE UNLIBERATED PARTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA?

6. QUOTE.. DR. KISSINGER'S PEACE OVERTURES WILL REMAIN MORE CAMOUFLAGE FOR A DEEP CONSPIRACY BASED ON THE JOHN BIRCH PLAN WHICH WAS MOOTED IN THE EARLY 60'S AND SUPPORTED BY MANY PROMINENT AMERICANS INCLUDING BARRY GOLDWATER.

7. QUOTE YOU QUOTE PRESIDENT NYERERE'S COMMENTS APPARENTLY BECAUSE IT DOES NOT ALTOGETHER REJECT THE KISSINGER MISSION. WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S COMMENTS WHICH TOTALLY REJECT THE MISSION? I MUST END THIS LETTER WITH MY THANKS FOR YOUR ADVICE ON HIGH STANDARDS OF JOURNALISM THOUGH IT WAS UNNECESSARY. BUT YOU MAY PROBABLY WISH TO EXTEND THAT ADVICE TO THE FAMOUS AMERICAN MAGAZINE 'NEWSWEEK' WHICH, IN ITS JUNE 14 ISSUE LITERALLY CALLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR CHRISTIAN HEAD OF STATE A PAGAN WHO CONSULTED WITCHDOCTORS ON A MERE 'BOIL ON HIS BEHIND'. UNQUOTE.

8. SIMULTANEOUSLY, IN RESPONSE PRIMARILY TO THE RECENT EDITORIAL IN THE DAILY GRAPHIC OF SEPTEMBER 15 (REPOTED REFTEL C) WHICH WAS, ONLY BY CONTRAST TO THE "TIMES" COMMENTS, RELATIVELY BALANCED, PAO ARRANGED LONG LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH GRAPHIC EDITOR. ESSENCE OF PAO'S PRESENTATION WAS THAT BLACK AFRICAN COULD NOT LOSE FROM THE

KISSINGER MISSION WHICH, IF IT SUCCEEDED MIGHT ACHIEVE
PEACEFULLY EXACTLY WHAT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SOUGHT
MILITARILY, BUT THAT THIS CHANCE COULD BE LOST IF HE WAS
EFFECTIVELY UNDERMINED THROUGH INTEMPERATE COMMENT ON THE SIDE
OF BLACK AFRICA. REFERENCED EDITORIAL WQS CITED AS EXAMPLE
IN WHICH KISSINGER WAS ATTACKED SOLELY ON BASIS OF SELF-
SERVING COMMENT BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER--WHO WAS NOT
NORMALLY LOOKED UPON BY GHANAIS AS AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE.
OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING WAS UNDERTAKING BY EDITOR TO WITHHOLD
NEGATIVE COMMENT ON KISSINGER MISSION TO GIVE IT A CHANCE UNTIL
ITS SUCCESS OR FAILURE COULD BE JUDGED. WE WILL SEE.

9. AFTER ABOVE PREPARED, CHARGE RECEIVED LETTER DATED SEPT. 21
FROM PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, INFORMATION MINISTRY, READING IN
FULL: QUOTE. I WRITE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER
DATED SEPT. 16, 1976, WITH AN ENCLOSURE. I WISH TO INDICATE
THAT THE EDITORIAL PUBLISHED IN THE GHANAIAN TIMES ON SEPTEMBER 16,
DOES NOT REFLECT THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA. UNQUOTE.
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